



A PROCLAMATION,

Anent *FVS POPULI.*

Edinburgh, the sixteenth day of February, one thousand six hundred and seventy one.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To
the Sheriffs, Musters, and Officers at Armes, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally specially commanding, Greeting. Considering us, albeit by the Laws and Acts of Parliament made concerning seditions and seditious Libels, Speeches and Writings, against the King for the time, His Person and Government; the uttering, writing, venting and dispersing, bearing, having, concealing and not revealing the same, are strictly prohibite, and the contrameters Ordained to be punished with the pain of death, and the other pains therein contained. Notwithstanding whereof, there being a most wicked and seditious Pamphlet, Entituled, *Jus Populi vindicatum, &c.* lately printed and dispersed, containing and asserting pernicious and treasonable principles, and false and scandalous assertions and reflections upon Our Person and Government, and the Authority and Procurers of Our Parliament and Council, and justifying and vindicating the late Rebellion in the West, and other rebels and traitors and subjects to the like practices, and containing other matters of dangerous nature and consequence; which upon examination, is found to be a most seditious and scandalous Pamphlet and Libel, containing pernicious and damnable principles of Treason and Rebellion against Us and all supreme Magistrates, and the State of Monarchy it self, to the great hazard of Our Person and Government, and to the great removal and scandal of the Nation and the Reformed Religion, if the poison of so horrid and detestable principles should be injected to be vented and diffused, by those who pretend to be of the same. Wherefore, We, with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Do Ordain, That upon the twenty two day of February instant, the said Pamphlet be publickly burnt in the high-street of Edinburgh, near to the Mercat-crosse thereof, by the hand of the Hangman: And do hereby discharge the importing, printing, having, venting, dispersing, or contrairing of that Book, or any other Books of that nature, or of the Authors and Dispersers thereof; and Ordain the 22nd of Parliament to be put in execution against all persons whatsoever that are guilty, or have had, or shall have any accotion to the writing, printing, importing or dispersing of the said Book, or any other Book of that nature: And hereby Require and Command all persons, who have or shall have any of these Books, residing beloncking the Water of Tay, to bring in and deliver the same to the Clerks of Council, or any of them, betwixt and the fourteenth day of March next; and betwixt the said Water, betwixt and the last day of the said Moneth: with execration, that if thereafter any person of whatsoever degree, quality or sex they shall be of, shall have any of the said Books in their custody or possession, that they shall be fined in the sum of two thousand pounds Scots, to be exacted without any favour or defaucon, without prejudice of the other penaies contained in the Acts of Parliament; And Ordains all persons who knows, or who shall know the Authors, Importers, Printers, Dispersers, or any of them, that they immedately reveal them upon their utmost peril. And for the better discovery of these who are or shall be guilty of the premisses, and for encouraging others to do their duty in that behalf, we do hereby assure and promise to these who shall discover any that are, or shall be guilty of selling or dispersing the foresaid Book, or any other Books of that nature, so as they may be apprehended, shall have payed to them the sum of fifty pounds Sterling; and these who shall so discover the Authors or Importers thereof, shall have one hundred pounds Sterling; and if the discoverers be guilty themselves, they shall have impunity granted to themselves, by and attour the said Reward, upon their discovery of any others guilty thereof. And Ordains the Magistrates of Edinburgh to see this Act put in execution; And that the same be printed and published, that none pretend ignorance.

Al. Gibson, Cl. Sⁱ Concilii.